Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Thursday 04 Feb 2021 until 23:59 on Friday 05 Feb 2021

Forecast Issued on Thursday 04 Feb 2021 at 04:50 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for cold weather continuing and for snow showers, most frequent on Friday, then becoming fewer and lighter over the weekend.

Headline for Thursday 04 Feb 2021: Bitterly cold with snow showers, merging later. Gales persisting on the tops.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 04 Feb 2021

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
Low Likelihood

Storm force winds
Low Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light snow	Light snow	Light snow	Light snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow
Precipitation probability					
30%	40%	40%	60%	70%	80%

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Weather: Bright spells and scattered snow showers in the morning in the west. More frequent showers in east of area, especially around Ben Wyvis with just the odd light flurry in the west. Snow turning more persistent through the afternoon, especially in the east.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 60%, best in the west in morning. Becoming 30% in afternoon.

Visibility: Occasional cloud cover around 700m in morning, more extensive in east of area, and becoming generally extensive above 500m through the afternoon. Generally good below cloud but briefly poor visibility as snow showers pass by. Turning more generally poor in afternoon.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	48/56 E	50/58 E	49/58 E	44/54 E	47/57 E	49/61 E	49/62 E
900	46/53 E	46/54 E	46/55 E	41/51 E	43/54 E	45/57 E	46/58 E
600	34/42 E	34/42 E	35/44 E	31/42 E	33/44 E	33/45 E	34/47 E
300	10/38 E	11/39 E	12/40 E	12/38 E	12/40 E	13/44 E	14/45 E
Glen	27/46 E	28/47 E	27/47 E	26/45 E	26/47 E	26/47 E	27/50 E

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-7/-19	-7/-19	-6/-19	-6/-18	-6/-18	-6/-18	-6/-18
900	-6/-18	-6/-18	-5/-17	-5/-16	-5/-16	-5/-16	-5/-16
600	-4/-13	-3/-13	-3/-12	-3/-12	-3/-12	-3/-12	-3/-12
300	-1/-6	-1/-6	-1/-6	-0/-6	-1/-6	-1/-6	-1/-7
Glen	1/-6	1/-6	2/-5	2/-4	2/-5	2/-5	2/-5
Freezing Level*	00m	00m	100m	100m	100m	100m	100m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Feeling bitterly cold due to combination of strong to gale force winds and temperatures well below freezing.

Forecast for Friday 05 Feb 2021
Weather: It will be a cloudy day with more frequent and heavier snow showers. The showers will become prolonged for a time with blizzard conditions likely. Also drifting and blowing of lying snow. Bitterly cold.

Maximum wind: Gale force east or northeasterly winds, average speeds 30 to 40mph and gusts 60mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Very little chance.

Visibility: Moderate or poor and virtually zero in heavier snow and blowing snow.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 2 Celsius rising briefly to plus 1 Celsius.
At 800m: Minus 3 Celsius.
Freezing level: All levels.

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